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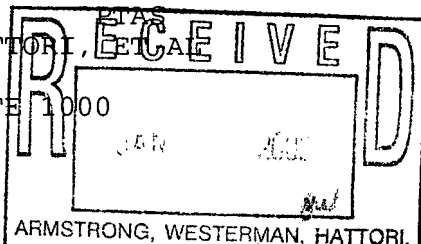
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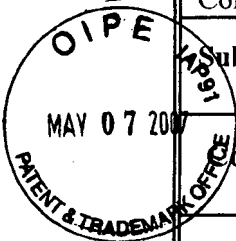
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Examiner's Amendment / Reason for Allowance

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Dr. Geselowitz on 10/31/03.

The application has been amended as follows:

- a) In claims 1,6,9,10 after the structure insert --- , ---.
- b) In claims 1,6,9,10 last two lines delete "(" and ")".
- c) Cancel claim 5.
- d) In claims 9 and 10 line 4 after "compounds" insert --- selected ---.
- e) In claims 11,12,14 line 1 replace "6", "9", "10" with "4", "7", "8".

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicant provides unexpected results for combinations comprising instant formula I plus benomyl or bialaphos.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


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